Amendment to Disability (Equal Opportunity and Participation) Act

3927. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bill to amend the Disability (Equal Opportunity and Participation) Act, 1996 is pending in the Parliament for the last several years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has any proposal to pass the Bill in the Parliament in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Scheme for care of children in need

†3928. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated some schemes to take care and to help destitute, vulnerable to exploitation, abandoned, orphan and litigation affected children in the country;

(b) the amount of grants released to Government of Chhattisgarh for these schemes each year during the last three years;

(c) the names of Government and non-Governmental organizations under these schemes engaged in providing shelter to the children living on roads in Chhattisgarh and other destitute children alongwith number of children who have been given shelter; and

(d) the details of achievements in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY):

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment formulated the following schemes:

(i) An Integrated Programme for Street Children;

(ii) Scheme of Assistance to Homes for Children (Shishu Greh) to Promote in-country Adoption;

(iii) Assistance to Voluntary Organizations for general grant-in-aid in the field of Social Defence;

(iv) Scheme for Welfare of Working Children in Need of Care and Protection;

(v) A Programme for Juvenile Justice.

(b) The grant was released to the Government of Chhattisgarh only under the scheme 'A Programme for Juvenile Justice'. The details of the amount released during last three years are given as below:

(in Rs.)

2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
54,10,000	90,10,580	34,32,712

(c) and (d) The organization, Maa Dindeshwari Shiksha Samiti, District Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh was financially assisted during 2005-06 under the 'scheme for welfare of working children in need of care and protection' for providing health care and nutrition, vocational training and non-formal education to 100 working children to facilitate their re-entry into mainstream education. The scheme does not provide for shelter to children other than for provisions of these facilities. Besides, 6 homes each run by the Social Welfare Department and Chhattisgarh State Council for Child Welfare, Raipur under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 were assisted under the scheme 'A Programme for Juvenile Justice' for providing shelter and care to children as under:

Name of the Organisations	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Social Welfare Department, State Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.	-	228	258
Chhattisgarh State Council for Child Welfare, Raipur.	-	300	-